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## ABOUT ROADS.

### County Judge Talks to the Point on This Subject.

In answer to several letters from different parts of the County concerning mud holes &c., in the roads, I will just say that the only way there are for our roads is for the people to become interested and show that they are willing to do something. If every good farmer in Lawrence county would take it on himself to fill up the mud holes along his farm we would have good roads and nobody would be hurt.

I am informed that Dr. N. T. Rice, of Maine, is doing this.

The best way to test a man's intelligence and citizenship in Lawrence county is to find out what he thinks about the roads and what he is willing to do for his farm and children along that line.

We have a few ignorant chronic drinkers who sit around and curse the county officials because it rains, and the same men give in their property for about 40 per cent. of its value.

The road overseers must put in their time and make their reports to some Magistrate or to the County Judge, and warrants will be promptly issued.

The road and bridge fund for 1907 is \$5,554 and that amount is already gone.

We will have a special session of the Fiscal Court in July to arrange about repairing the bridges.

### FENCING UP ROADS.

We learn there are a great many people in the county moving their fences out into the roads and taking possession of same. It is the sworn duty of the Road Commissioner, every Sheriff and Constable in the county to at once notify the County Court, and to take action against them. See section 4335 in Kentucky Statutes.

Your humble servant,

T. S. Thompson C. J.

### "Poor Farmers" No More.

The Sun-Sentinel, Winchester, remarks:

It is not "the poor farmer" any more. It is the "rich farmer" now. All of us pay tribute to the farmer. What we eat and what we wear must come from the farm. The farmer is the producer. All the rest of us are consumers. We must pay the price, and we do it cheerfully because if the farmer is prosperous we get the benefit. He stands his money with us. Never in our history has the farmer been so well off as he is to-day. The average on farm crops is high; stock prices are away up. Prospects for the future are never better. The farmer is the real king. All hail to the king that rules to benefit and not to oppress.

### Fiscal Court.

The Magistrates of Lawrence county met as a Court of Claims last Monday and remained in session only two days. Outside of allowing claims but little was done save the election of a County Treasurer. This occurred Tuesday. Mr. Robert Brown, the incumbent, being chosen. On Wednesday the Court adjourned to a day in July.

The sessions of this court usually attract a great member of people, but this week the crowd was nearly so large as on former occasions.

### Clean Up.

A clean town is a goodly sight. It is also the best insurance against sickness and death. Its cost is comparatively trifling. The chief thing is the vigilance of the authorities charged with compelling obedience to the laws. Spring is at hand. Everybody should get busy and clean up, and the health officer and the police should keep busy to see that everybody keeps clean up.

### Taken to Bowling Green.

The remains of Mr. Farrow's daughter, whose untimely death was chronicled in this paper last week, were taken to Bowling Green, this State, for interment. Mr. Farrow will return to Louisa shortly, but his wife and baby will remain in Bowling Green indefinitely.

## That Squeal.

"There won't be an apple or a peach this summer."

"Don't think it hurt the fruit much—too dry."

"We may have a few apples, but the peaches are certainly killed."

"The peaches bloomed in the light of the moon and they ain't hurt a bit."

And so on. You pay your money and you will get the fruit, somewhere. But it does seem that a drop from 87 to 26 degrees, and the ice on Lake Amos a quarter of an inch thick would be enough to kill anything that bloomed. Lake Amos, by the by is that beautiful sheet of water near the foot of Lady Washington street. It hit us hard—the wave, not the lake—Monday morning. Besides the buds and the blossoms, several straw hats which were taken out of cold storage about a month too soon, and a few peek-a-boos which braved the chilly Easter air were retired, badly nipped. The early ice man retired for a season, Lewis saying that a chunk of ice and his last name coming at the same time might cause somebody to "frown a brick." But we needn't worry. The day is coming when we'll sigh for a reprieve and the tinkle of ice in a glass will be music to our ears.

### Rev. Roscoe Murray.

The Rev. Roscoe Murray is one of Lawrence county's eloquent aggressive preachers. Rev. Murray resigned his position in the Kentucky Normal College as professor in the Teachers Training Department on May 12, 1906 to accept a call of the Baptist people in Mount Pleasant Association this county. He is a young man of 28 and since here has made for himself quite a record in his chosen work. He is possessed with a fine physique, is just bubbling over with enthusiasm and preaches the word with great power and effectiveness.

During the past winter there has been scores of souls saved under his labors. He is at this time conducting a series of meetings at the Union Baptist church near Manker. This church is to be dedicated Easter Sunday and Rev. Murray will preach the dedicatory sermon. We predict for this bright young man of God a brilliant and successful future.—Ironton Daily Register.

### Gartin Closes Here.

John Gartin is closing his music store in Louisa, and the sound of the piano, the talking machine, the violin and the banjo no longer emanates from the store fronted the temple of justice. Mr. Gartin has a big trade up both rivers and both roads, and catering to that takes so much of his time that he can not afford to attend to the Louisa house. The NEWS cheerfully speaks a good word for Mr. Gartin as a business man and citizen, he being first-class, A 1 in each relation. These words seem superfluous, however, as everybody and his wife know the genial John.

### Had a Brain Storm.

Walter Bren, a barber who was employed in the shop of John Heston, on Logan street, Williamson, had a brain storm last week and as a result he is in the county jail, where he is likely to remain for some time. It is believed that excessive use of liquor brought on the storm and caused him to enter the jail and swipe every razor, customer's and all.

At the M. E. Church, South, last Sunday special Easter services were held. The church was tastefully decorated with flowers. Appropriate music was rendered. Soon after the service opened Little Caroline Hatchers, Burns, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Burns, was baptized. The Rev. O. F. Williams preached a very able and appropriate sermon. A large audience was present.

The many friends and relatives of Matthew W. Morris will be pained to hear of his death. He was born in Lawrence county, Kentucky, Mar. 25, 1831, and died at Delaware, Ohio, Mar. 25, 1907. In 1849 he married Miss Margaret Rice, also of Lawrence county, who is left a widow, after 57 years of happy wedded life. Three sons and two daughters are also left to mourn their loss.

## COWBOY PREACHER

### Is Lambasted Everywhere He Goes of Late.

The Rev. Sam Betts, known throughout Eastern Kentucky and West Virginia as the "cowboy preacher," was called from his boarding house at Davy one night last week and almost beaten to death.

Betts, who was sued for breach of promise and seduction, has been conducting a revival at Davy, during which, it is alleged, he made many vicious attacks on Supt. Kelly and other officials of the Superior Potosi Coal Company. It is said he was warned to stop his abuse, but refused.

That night some one called him out of doors, where he was attacked by two men armed with brass knuckles and blackjacks. Three ribs were broken and his face and head cut in a terrible manner. He may die as a result of his injuries.

It was but a few months ago that Betts was snatched from the pulpit at Fayetteville, W. Va., by the Sheriff of Fayette county, sustaining a broken collar bone and dislocated arm, for an alleged tirade at a church, but refused.

### Friday Night's Entertainment.

Some pupils of the School of Expression, K. N. C., under the direction of Miss Mae Stafford, and the Louisa Dramatic Club gave a very enjoyable entertainment at Maroon Hall on last Friday evening. Snow White, a comedy for juveniles, and Out in the Streets, a serio-comedy, were the vehicles used for the conveyance of amusement and instruction to the audience. Between the plays Miss Stafford entertained her friends with a choice reading.

As usual the tiny tots were the heroes of the occasion, Roberta Dixon as "leading lady" in Snow White, and Kizzie Clay Burns as Salutorian.

### The Weather For April.

If weather conditions that have prevailed in Louisa and vicinity during the month of April for a period covering thirty-five years are to be taken as an indication, Louisa people this month will experience a mean or normal temperature of fifty-six degrees. The warmest April was that of 1896, when the average temperature was sixty-five. The coldest April was in 1875, when the average temperature was forty-five degrees. The highest temperature—ninety-one degrees—was registered April 30, 1894, and the lowest temperature—twenty-one degrees—was registered April 8, 1876.

### Dr. Watson Greatly Improved.

The NEWS is glad to say that Dr. M. G. Watson seems to be on the highroad to a sure and speedy recovery. He came down stairs Saturday, and since that time has been kept busy receiving calls of congratulation. The doctor is still confined to the house, but he hopes to be soon strong enough to go upon the streets.

Wayne W. Cordell, formerly a Special Examiner for the pension office for this and surrounding country last week was promoted to the Board of Review with a salary of \$1,700 per annum. This work is the highest class in the Pension Office and Mr. Cordell's recognized ability won him the place. He was re-elected High Chief of the Independent Order of Rechabites at Zanesville, Ohio, last year. This is the oldest temperance society in the world and works along moral suasion lines. Mr. Cordell devotes all his spare time to extending the work of this society. His many friends in this section wish him continued success.

News comes to this city that Jack Wilson shot his wife and son Sunday night. The wife cannot live. They reside in Lee City, Wolfe county. When this shooting occurred he was drinking.

This, like the "news" of the shooting at Salyersville, may be corrected or denied by next mail.

Born Monday, at the home of Mrs. James Vinson, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Merchant, a son.

## Fatal Affray on Guyan.

Three are dead and one is dying, the latter a woman, as the result of a desperate battle with pistols and knives at an Italian labor camp on the Guyan river, late Monday night.

The fight was caused by the introduction of a job lot of liquor in the camp Sunday by a number of the laborers, who went to Huntington Sunday night to enjoy a holiday.

An altercation arose between Tony Sodario and Sebastian Pushelli, in which the latter shoved a twelve-inch knife through the abdomen of the former. Sodario's friends immediately attempted to lynch Pushelli and the latter's friends came to his rescue with pistols, knives, clubs and whisky bottles.

More than one hundred shots were fired, one of them piercing the breast of Bettie Sodario, a cousin of the man murdered by Pushelli. The woman will die.

### City Council.

The City Council met in regular session last Tuesday night. The ordinary routine business with a few extra features was transacted. Among the special transactions was the adoption of an ordinance creating the office of Fire Chief, and making Al Wellman Chief. As such he will have the custody and care of all the City's fire appliances and will have charge of the department at fires.

Several parties were ordered to leave, among them D. J. Burdett, Jr. and Dr. Biggs. It was also ordered that certain pavements be repaired.

The Big Sandy Milling Co. was granted the privilege of putting in a side track from the mill to the railroad.

The question of night police was discussed and continued to a subsequent meeting.

### They Are Welcome.

Mr. J. B. Jacobs and family, from Carrollton, Ky., have come to Louisa and taken residence here. Mr. Jacobs was a handler of tobacco in his former home and while he may not have much to do in that line here he will find other business to engage his time and attention. He is much pleased with Louisa and its people, and freely expresses his surprise, after what he had been told, at finding such a town and such a people.

Mr. Jacobs has rented and is occupying the Ira Wellman property on Water street.

### The Big Meeting.

The biggest revival in the history of the Baptist church in Louisa is now in progress. Every night the church is filled to its utmost capacity, and nightly numbers are added to the church and many profess conversion. On last Sunday afternoon 17 persons received baptism by immersion in the river in the presence of a large congregation. Afternoon services are held, and the interest in this great meeting seems in nowise abated.

This revival is conducted by Evangelist Roberta, and it is the declared opinion of many who have heard him that he is a preacher of unusual force and ability.

### Died of Typhoid.

Mrs. Albert Boyd, formerly of this place, died very recently at Henrietta, this county. She was the wife of Albert Boyd, section foreman on the C. and O., who was himself almost a victim of the scourge last fall. Mrs. Boyd had come to Henrietta for a visit, and while there contracted her fatal illness.

Worrying over the high water caused Mrs. William Rule to drop dead at her home in Ashland last Friday. She had been fearful during the recent flood that her home would be submerged and this superinduced an attack of heart failure. She dropped dead while preparing supper.

Late Wellman, of Prosperity, this county, is developing into one of the best salesmen on the road in this territory. He sells shoes and his sales for the first half of the year amount to almost \$30,000.

## PERT PARAGRAPHS

### Picked Up At Pike, Paint and Prestonsburg.

Mrs. Jesse Vanhose fell dead at her home, near the Paintsville depot, last Saturday. She had just recovered from a severe attack of measles.

The sun "do move." A company of Hindman amateurs will present a play to the people of Prestonsburg to-morrow night.

After the heart-breaking trip over those rib-breaking roads those Knott county people should be welcomed by a big house.

Michael Sloan, an aged and honored citizen living near Millard, after having lived beyond four score years, passed away. He was beloved by all who knew him, and had many local positions of honor and trust. He had been a Baptist preacher for 52 years.

Nancy Hayes, aged seventy-seven years, for ten years a helpless invalid from the effects of a fall, died of measles, after three days' illness.

She was one of Letcher county's best loved old women, being a lifelong member of the old regular Baptist church.

The C. and O. Railway Company has paid to Mrs. Emma Stapleton \$4,000, in full of all claims for damage as a result of the death of her husband, G. R. Stapleton, who was killed by the company's cars at Pikeville, some time ago. The compromise of the matter was effected by John C. C. Mayo.

After a search extending over two years, Mrs. Mary Jane Mullins, aged 60 years, unearthed a pot containing \$6,000 in gold and silver in an abandoned lot on the farm of her father, the late Benjamin Osborn, of Letcher county.

The father died 20 years ago, leaving at least \$10,000, it is said, somewhere on the farm. Mrs. Mullins will continue to search for the remaining \$4,000. In the find are some valuable old coins.

Pindman, Ky., March 22.—Tilden Stone, on trial two days for the murder of his uncle, Dan Stone, was given twenty-one years in the penitentiary.

Farlan Stone was given a one-year sentence for malicious shooting. Both will be taken to the Frankfort penitentiary along with Tandy Martin, convicted at a previous term of court of manslaughter and given a ten years' sentence.

Mayking, Ky., March 26.—Benjamin F. Johnson, capitalist, of Pike county, agent for the Great Northern Coal and Coke Company, is in this section securing samples of coal from every coking coal vein, the property of the Great Northern, to send to Europe for testing purposes. Mr. Johnson will get samples from some one hundred openings. While Mr. Johnson is rejoicing at the strides Eastern Kentucky is making toward development, he declares that traver things are dawning for the mountains of the coal fields hereabouts.

London, Ky., March 27.—The article published in the Courier-Journal today stating that H. M. Brock, an insurance man of London, Ky., was shot and instantly killed by M. C. Patrick at Salyersville is a mistake. S. M. Brock, a prominent insurance agent of this city and the man said to have been killed, lives here and is here now, having arrived yesterday from Salyersville, leaving there Sunday. When asked about the report referred to Mr. Brock stated that there was no truth in any part of the statement. He said that he had just returned from Salyersville; that there he had a prosperous business, and that he had no sort of trouble with anybody. He says that Mr. Patrick, his alleged slayer, is unknown to him.

His friends regret the continued indisposition of Mr. Gerritt Nash, the manager of Shipman & Gentry's store. He ventured upon the street a week or so ago, after a confinement of several days, but the exertion was too much and he has been kept in the house ever since.

## Slightly Mixed.

With a sheet of ice an eighth of an inch thick extending out from the shore a distance of ten feet, 18 converted Kentuckians waded into the chilly waters of the Big Sandy river at Prestonsburg last Sunday, and were baptized in the faith. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Akers in the presence of a large crowd of spectators. This is the first time in years that such an incident has taken place along the banks of the Big Sandy.—Ashland Independent.

There was not a particle of ice in the river; the ceremony occurred at Louisa, fifty miles from Prestonsburg; Bro Akers baptized only a few of the converts, and immersions are of frequent occurrence "along the banks of the Big Sandy." With a trifling exception the above paragraph is correct.

### WEBBVILLE.

Mr. Kitchen from near Cincinnati, is here to visit his father, George Kitchen.

Archie Smith, of Brammar Gap, shipped 4 hogheads of tobacco today. Granville Pennington is moving to Huntington.

James Underwood, of Olive Hill, is here to see his sister, Mrs. Elias Webb, before she goes to California next week.

Mart Sparks is here from Huntington.

Wat Rucker has returned from a visit to Dr. Watson, at Louisa.

Ms. Cooper, of Cherokee, has gone to Willard to see her daughter, Mrs. James Stone.

Eam Bartram, one of the deputy sheriffs, has paid this section a visit.

George Shivel, of Gallup, is here on business.

K. Woods and wife, of Fallsburg, are here at Judge Woods'.

John Riley, of Grayson, and Wat Kitchen, of Willard are in town.

F. R. Moore has been to Elaine and the old farm.

Billie Moore, of Grayson, has gone on a business trip to Cherokee.

Young Mr. Conaway has returned from the West.

Judge Woods came in with 100 head of fine stock hogs today.

Miss Bessie Sturgill, of Calmes creek, has gone to Ashland.

Osa and Jarrall Hood are here from Willard.

Hamander Hicks and Miss Raulvilla Holbrooks went to Ashland today and were married.

Mr. Hillman and son have returned from Fireclay.

Miss Conner, of Bell's Trace, is shopping here.

John Dials Perkins has returned from New River.

Mr. Prince has moved to Greenup.

Mrs. Wat Kitchen and Mrs. St. Clair, of Willard, are here.

Mrs. William and Mrs. Flem Green are in Webbville.

Granville Pennington, of Huntington, is here.

Mr. and Mrs. Warnock, of Green3 Ky., passed through to Cat to visit the Grahams.

Mrs. Riffe and Miss Wilson are visiting in Webbville.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Crisp, a fine boy.

Emack Cordell and daughters, of Elaine, are shopping here.

John McDole has returned from Ohio.

W. J. Hicks and wife, of Rush, have gone up Dry Fork.

Sixty-seven years ago today, Mar. 31, the writer was born. Those were the days of pure and unadulterated rights and pure and unadulterated Arnold Perry's apple brandy. The brandy and the equal rights are now sadly degenerated. Dry Fork went "Dry" today by a vote of 117 to 41. Pit.

### Analysis

of the Latin Verb and Noun.

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This is the title of a pamphlet compiled by Prof. Kennison, of the K. N. C., and published by the Big Sandy News Job Office. It is, as indicated by its title, an analysis of the verb and noun of the Latin language, and a careful examination of the work warrants the declaration that such a compilation, if such it may be called, must be of invaluable aid to a student of that tongue.